

REMARKS

The Amendment, filed in response to the Office Action mailed on January 28, 2011 and Advisory Action dated May 6, 2011 is believed to fully address all and every issue raised. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Claim Status

Claims 12-13, 16-19, 21 and 22 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 12-13, 16-19, 21 and 22 are being examined and are rejected.

In order to point out and distinctly claim that which Applicants regard as their invention, claims 12 and 13 are amended herein to recited that the method comprises reducing the level of oxygen dissolved in a solution containing 1,4-dihydroxy-2-naphthoic acid to 5 ppm or less. Support for this amendment to claims 12 and 13 can be found in the present specification at page 6, line 23.

No new matter is added. Entry is respectfully requested.

Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 12-13, 16-19, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 59-163128 in view of Sato. WO 03/016544 (US 7,374,915) is relied upon for translation.

With acquiescing to the merits of the outstanding Office Action or the Advisory Action, Applicant amend claims 12 and 13 herein to clarify that the method comprises reducing the level of oxygen dissolved in a solution containing 1,4-dihydroxy-2-naphthoic acid to 5 ppm or less.

In this regard, Applicants submit that neither JP 59-163128 nor Sato, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests this element. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the presently claimed method is patentable over the cited prior art.

For the reasons discussed above, it is believed that the rejections are not sustainable and Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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